

## Revised April 2022

Day Activity assists a HASCI Waiver participant to acquire, retain, or improve in self-help, adaptive, and socialization skills. It focuses on enabling the participant to attain or maintain maximum functional levels while supporting the participant's active involvement in his/her community.

Transportation may be provided between the participant's place of residence and the site of Day Activity, or between Day Activity service sites. The cost of this transportation is included in the rate paid to provider.

Day Activity                      one unit equals one half (1/2) day (2-3 hours)

### Service Limit / Restrictions

## Providers

The provider's current policies and procedures for admission and enrollment must be followed.

**Conflict Free Case Management (effective June 1, 2021):**

**In order to honor choice and prevent conflicts of interest, providers of Waiver Case Management services must not provide any other waiver service to the same person. When there is a conflict, the WCM will help the participant understand why a conflict exists and offer a choice of either another WCM provider or another waiver service provider. The Case Manager must then transition the participant to the chosen provider within 60 days.**

### **Arranging and Authorizing the Service**

If a HASCI Waiver participant requests and is determined to need Day Activity, his or her Support Plan must clearly document the need for specific skills training, behavioral supports, and/or socialization in a non-residential setting.

After the need for Day Activity has been assessed and a provider identified, the participant's Support Plan must be updated to clearly reflect the name of the service and payer, the amount, frequency, and duration of the service, and the provider type. In order to update the Support Plan, the Waiver Case Manager will request approval from the SCDDSN Waiver Administration Division.

Upon approval, the Waiver Case Manager must enter the service into the Service Tracking System (STS).

Following Support Plan approval, the participant or representative must be offered choice of provider. Offering of provider choice and the provider selected must be clearly documented in a Case Note.

To initiate the service following approval by the Waiver Administration Division, an electronic authorization must be completed and submitted to the chosen provider. Services must be authorized annually at the time of the Support Plan, and as changes are made to the service throughout the plan year.

### **Billing**

Day Activity must be direct-billed to SCDHHS. The provider is responsible for following SCDHHS billing procedures.

### **Monitorship**

The Waiver Case Manager must monitor the effectiveness, frequency, duration, benefits, and usefulness of the service along with the participant's/family's satisfaction with the service. Monitoring may be completed with the participant, representative, service providers, or other relevant entities. Information gathered during monitoring may lead to a change in the service, such as an increase/decrease in units authorized, change of provider, change to a more appropriate service, etc. DDSN recommends that the Waiver Case Manager monitors this service when it begins and as changes are made.

Monitoring must be conducted as frequently as necessary in order to ensure:

- the health, safety and well-being of the participant;
- the service adequately addresses the needs of the participant;

- the service is being furnished by the chosen provider in accordance with the authorization, relevant policies and quality expectations;
- the participant/representative is satisfied with their chosen provider(s).

Some questions to consider during monitorship include:

- Is the participant satisfied with his/her daily activity? Is the participant satisfied with the provider of his/her service?
- Is the participant active in the community?
- What type of training is the participant receiving? Is the participant satisfied with the training?
- Are the training areas consistent with the individual's overall goals, wants and desires?
- Is the participant making progress in training areas identified by goals and objectives? If not, are goals and objectives reviewed and amended as needed?
- What contract is the participant working on? Is the work consistent with the training objectives?
- Is the workshop clean and safe?
- What is the individual's attendance?
- What are the opportunities for choice given to the individual?
- Does the participant feel comfortable with staff?

Monitoring contacts, face-to-face visits, and review of the participant's Support Plan must be documented in Case Notes.

### **Service Denial, Reduction, Suspension, and Termination**

If a HASCI Waiver participant is denied a service that was requested or denied an increase in units of a service already authorized, the Case Manager must provide written notification to the participant or legal guardian, including reason for denial. The Process for Reconsideration of SCDHHS Decisions must also be provided.

If a participant's authorized units of a HASCI Waiver service must be reduced, temporarily suspended, or indefinitely terminated, the Waiver Case Manager must provide written notification to the participant or legal guardian, including reason for the action. The Process for Reconsideration of SCDHHS Decisions must also be provided. The Waiver Case Manager will end the electronic authorization(s), sending notification to the affected service provider.

Except when the action was requested by the participant or legal guardian or if the action is due to the participant's death, admission to a hospital or nursing facility, or loss of Medicaid and/or HASCI Waiver eligibility, there must be at least 10 calendar days between the date of notification and effective date of the action.

Written notification to the participant or legal guardian is made using the following forms:

- *Notice of Denial of Service* (HASCI Form 11C)
- *Notice of Reduction of Service* (HASCI Form 11A)
- *Notice of Suspension of Service* (HASCI Form 11B)
- *Notice of Termination of Service* (HASCI Form 11)

*These can be accessed via the SCDDSN Application Portal>Business Tools>Forms>HASCI Waiver.*

When the action becomes effective, the participant's Support Plan must be updated. Budget information in the Waiver Tracking System (WTS) must be adjusted accordingly.

Service information in the Service Tracking System (STS) must be updated by the Waiver Case Manager as necessary.